

**September 4, 2012**

**REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**Call to Order/Roll Call** – Village President Tom Pinch called this Regular Village Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Tom Pinch, Caleb Buroker, Tom Cody, Susan Washa, Dennis Richgels and John Kreul. Others present were Michael Fenley, Craig Ramsden, Tom Ramsden, Daniel Swinehart and Becky Fredericks. Zach Washa arrived at 6:17 p.m.

**Certification/Compliance** – Clerk certified that notice of meeting was posted on August 31, 2012. Tom Cody motioned as to compliance with open meeting law. Susan Washa seconded. Motion carried.

**Public Input/Not for Action** – No public input

**Town of Highland – Blackhawk Lake Commission** – Craig Ramsden and Tom Ramsden were present with a request from the Township to be given the right to appoint Blackhawk Lake Commission Members every other year. Town of Eden is possibly taking this request to the Village of Cobb. Board decided that right now no decision can be made until further clarification can be obtained about some items. Tabled to future board meeting.

**Discuss and take potential action on possible ordinance violations** – Mike Fenley contacted the Village Attorney, Eileen Brownlee, and it was determined that there is no violation of the zoning ordinance. The recommendation of the Village Attorney is to not do anything since 3 years have already gone by since zoning permit was obtained. She made a suggestion of changing the ordinance to include all homes for inspections to avoid any future problems. At minimum the Village should make homeowners renew their zoning permit. Mike Fenley looked at the driveway concerns and it doesn't look to create an issue of runoff – the curb cut was there before the ordinance was adopted so it would be grandfathered in. Mike recommends to the board that he contacts the homeowner to renew zoning permit and move forward to make zoning permits renewable every 6 months. Tom Cody motioned that any outstanding zoning permits that have expired to be renewed every 6 months until the project is complete and to be enforced by the Zoning Administrator. Susan Washa seconded. Motion carried

**Tom Pinch was called out for work at 7:39 p.m. Dennis Richgels also had to leave. John Kreul was appointed to run the meeting.**

**Discuss/Consider changes or updates to the Uniform Dwelling Code – set Public Hearing date, if needed/requested** – Village Board members decided to have Eileen Brownlee revise the Ordinance for adoption at the October board meeting. Per email from Eileen a Public Hearing is not required, so the board decided to not have a Public Hearing. Clerk to get in contact with Eileen to make the revisions.

**Approve participation in WRWA Consolidated Group Safety Management Program** – Tabled to October board meeting.

**Discussion/Decision on Outstanding Invoice – The Red Zone** – John Kreul informed the board that Greg Gorius contacted Dennis Richgels and told him that he would be unable to attend the meeting so the matter will be tabled to the October board meeting.

**Discussion/Decision on Delinquent Personal Property Taxes/Accounts**

**Receivables** – John Kreul said that he will get in contact with taxpayer and talk to them about the delinquent account. The clerk informed the board that she has for a while now tried to collect a delinquent accounts receivable amount from Brian & Becki Kleist. Multiple letters/statements have been sent with no response. Possible actions were discussed and will be looked into.

**Discuss/Approval of sidewalk and curb & gutter repairs** – The Street Committee met on August 31 and made the decision that repairs on Dodgeville St by Mark Gratz & Joe Hofer's residence will be done as approved in the sidewalk budget. We are still waiting on the homeowners to inform us of their plans. Village portion needs repair but can't determine what will be the cost until the homeowners decide what they plan to do.

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings** – Susan Washa motioned to approve the August 6, 2012 Board Meeting minutes, August 20, 2012 Police Committee Meeting minutes, and the August 31, 2012 Street Committee Meeting minutes. Zach Washa seconded. Motion carried.

**Authorize Payment of Bills** – Caleb Buroker motioned to approve payment of bills as presented: General Account \$24,595.83, Sewer Account \$2,472.48, Water Account \$1,543.15 and TID #2 Account \$3,897.34. Zach Washa seconded. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Water** – CDBG-PF Income Survey, we have reached the percentage needed to qualify to apply for the grant. Waiting to hear back from Bart on if he feels that we should try to get more surveys to improve the percentage.

**Law Enforcement** – Report submitted. Tom Cody motioned to approve the recommendation of the Police Committee that the Police Department land line be disconnected and that the O.I.C. uses the cell phone as the primary phone number. Caleb Buroker seconded. Motion carried.

**Park** – Kitchen drain keeps backing up, repairs need to be done. Possible solutions will be looked into.

**Operator's License** – Motion made by Susan Washa to approve an Operator's License for Mary Kay Conroy. Caleb Buroker seconded. Roll call vote "Aye": Zach Washa, Caleb Buroker, Tom Cody, Susan Washa, and John Kreul. Motion carried.

**Dennis returned at 8:35 p.m.**

**Set October Board Meeting** – October board meeting will be October 1, 2012.

**Adjournment** – Susan Washa motioned to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Caleb Buroker seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Becky Fredericks, Clerk-Treasurer